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NON-AVAILABILTY OF DIAGNOSTIC TEST FACILITIES IN SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the agents of private laboratories throng the Safdarjung Hospitals as reported in the Hindi daily Jansatta dated 25 May, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether on the pretext of non-availability of diagnostic test facilities, the patients are forced to get their tests done from this Private Labs ;

(d) if so, the details of medical equipment/machinery /test facilities that are not available in Safdarjung Hospital as on date and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to replenish the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) It is not correct to say that the agents of private laboratories throng the Safdarjung Hospital. Various investigations are done in Safdarjung Hospital in the Department of Lab Medicine, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Histopathology, Blood Bank, Radiology and Hematology. The patients, however, has the choice to get investigation done from outside. The total number of investigations undertaken in the above mentioned Departments per day is 6510 approximately. Moreover, single window system for various investigations including ECG, X-Ray, CT Scan, Ultrasound is in existence in Emergency Department. However, for any specialized test for which facilities are not available in the Safdarjung Hospital, the patients are advised to get the same done from outside. CGHS beneficiaries are advised to get the same done from any C.G.H.S. approved center. Procurement of latest and modern medical equipment in replacement of obsolete/out-dated equipment depending on requirement and availability of resources is a continuous ongoing process.